

## Proclamation Presented to

## Andrew "Andy" Kealoha Cummings HAWAIIAN MUSIC HALL OF FAME ◆ 2011 INDUCTEE ◆

WHEREAS, Andrew "Andy" Kealoha Cummings was born on August 2, 1913 and learned 'ukelele at an early age, and the violin and trumpet in high school, but was known for grabbing his guitar and singing instantaneously; and

WHEREAS, Andrew "Andy" Kealoha Cummings began his professional musical career when he moved to Hilo and joined the musical troupe "Aunty Iwa & her Huapalas" in 1933; had a regular Sunday radio show and joined the Hilo Police Department where he sang in their glee club; and

WHEREAS, Andrew "Andy" Kealoha Cummings and the Huapala was booked by E.K. Fernandez to go on a ninemonth North American tour, on which he wrote the song Walkīkī, acknowledged to be the greatest "Hapa Haole" song of all time; and

WHEREAS, Andrew "Andy" Kealoha Cummings played at a few nightspots around Honolulu, including Chock See's By The Sea, Outrigger Canoe Club, Kilohana Gardens, Felix Florentine Gardens and Queen's Surf; and

WHEREAS, Andrew "Andy" Kealoha Cummings wrote many compositions including "Only Ashes Remain," "Pīkake," "My Island Paradise," "Coconut Island," "Riff Raff," Kanani Mine," and "My Mauna Kea Paradise" and specialized in commercial jingles, and was a musical ambassador for the islands; and

WHEREAS, Andrew "Andy" Kealoha Cummings will be inducted into the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame on May 1, 2011;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2011, as

## "ANDREW 'ANDY' KEALOHA CUMMINGS" DAY

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us and the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame in recognizing him for his contributions to Hawaiian Music and the history of culture & arts in Hawai'i.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-sixth day of April, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i